



**EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE (37 CFR 1.10)**

Express Mail Label No. EV 481 403 555 US

Date of Deposit January 14, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper, and the papers and/or fees referred to herein as transmitted, submitted or enclosed, are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Name: Elaine Weisbecker

Signature Elaine Weisbecker

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attorney Docket No. RU-0173

Applicant: Chen, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/992,860  
Filed: February 14, 2001  
For: BLACK TEA EXTRACT FOR PREVENTION OF DISEASE

Group Art Unit No.: 1654

Examiner: Flood, Michele C.

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 17, 2004 in response to the Office Action of December 17, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for a response by five months. With the extension, the response is due on or before January 17, 2005.

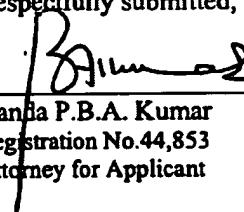
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

01/19/2005 SDENB0B1 00000029 09992860

02 FC:2255 1080.00 0P

January 14, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nanda P.B.A. Kumar  
Registration No.44,853  
Attorney for Applicant

REED SMITH LLP  
2500 One Liberty Place  
1650 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-7301  
Fax: (215) 851-1420  
Nanda P.B.A. Kumar  
(215) 241-7991